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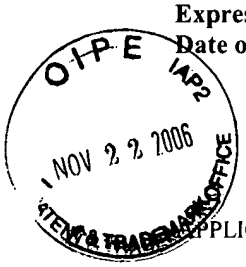

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

In response to the Species Election mailed September 25, 2006, Applicants elect Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis from Group A and NO donors from Group B. Applicants further elect S-nitrosoglutathione as an agent of Group B.

Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement and submit that if the members of the Markush group are sufficiently few in number or so closely related that a search and examination of the entire claim can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine all the members of the Markush group in the claim on the merits, even though they may be directed to independent and distinct inventions. *See*, MPEP § 803.02. Applicants note that the election of species is made for the purpose of examination of the claims only and that applicants maintain the right to have the full scope of the claims, as written, examined on the merits.

A petition for a one-month extension of time and the corresponding petition fee are enclosed herewith. With the extension, this response is due on November 25, 2006. Please charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311; Attorney Reference No. 28195-507 CIP2 (Customer Number: 30623).

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